

# ICIC E-Business Project

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# **MEETING OBJECTIVES**

**Share preliminary findings of the ICIC E-Business project**

**Solicit feedback on project**

**Discuss ICIC/BCG recommendations**

# AGENDA

## Project Overview

### Data Recommendations

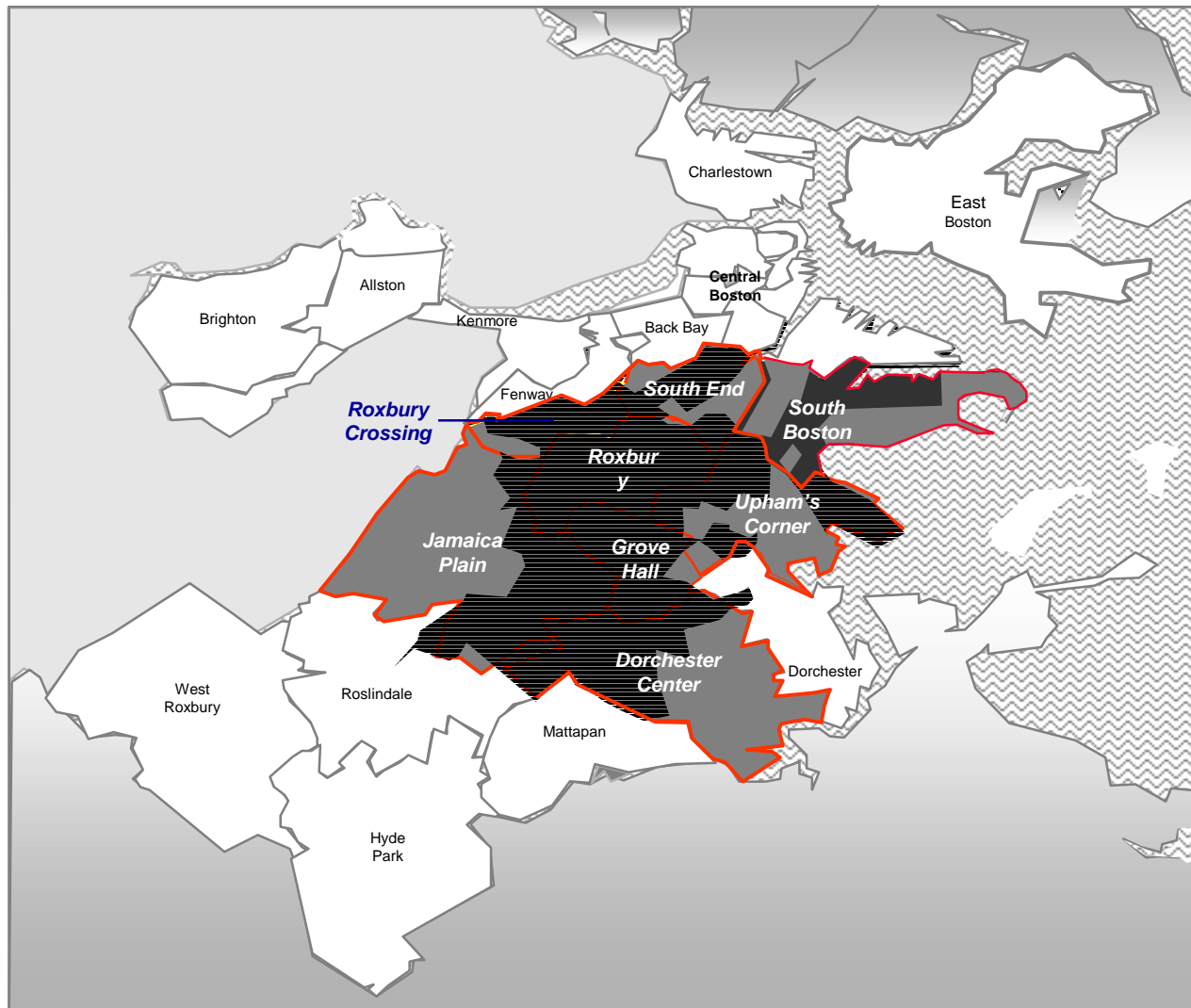
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- Sample of ideal output
- Survey revisions to support ideal output

## **POSITIONING INNER-CITY BUSINESSES TO COMPETE IN E-BUSINESS**

### **Project objectives**

- **The project will conduct new research and develop specific, actionable business strategies regarding advanced Internet technology and services in inner cities across the country**
- **The goal of the project is to enable inner-city companies to compete in a rapidly changing economic landscape; this increased competitiveness will enable inner cities to maintain and increase job and wealth-creation opportunities for inner-city residents**

# DEFINING THE INNER CITY




## Definition

- The inner city includes all zip codes which meet 2 of the 3 following indicators:
  - Poverty rate at least 50% > MSA poverty
  - MHI at least 50% < MSA MHI
  - Unemployment at least 50% > MSA unemployment
- Or
- Absolute poverty rate > 20%
- Exclude zip codes that are not in region's urban core
- Exclude central business districts
- Incorporate local knowledge

# THE INNER-CITY BUSINESS BASE

- ICIC/BCG analysis indicates that close to 450,000 businesses of all sizes and industries operate in inner cities of the 50 largest US cities.
- These businesses generate an estimated 6 million jobs and \$550 billion in revenues.
- IC100 companies are among the fastest growing companies in the country.

	Total IC 100	Top 3
Average CAGR (%)	50	202
Average 1998 revenues (\$M)	12.2	10.2
Average sales growth rate (%)	742	9,330

# PROJECT ACTIVITIES

## PHASE I: Supply of Broadband Services

- Assess availability of broadband infrastructure in inner cities (FCC data)
- Assess quality of broadband services in inner cities
- Estimate inner city business demand for broadband services

## PHASE II: Demand for Broadband Services

- Identify the highest impact areas for enhancing inner city business competitiveness through e-business technologies and practices
- Conduct a national survey of inner-city companies to identify e-business technology adoption practices, barriers, and opportunities
- Analyze IC100 surveys and site-visit interviews for e-business adoption
- Conduct case studies of IC100 companies that have adopted e-business technologies
- Identify national partners that can provide e-business advisory services to inner-city companies

## **PROJECT OUTCOMES**

### **IMPACTING PUBLIC POLICY:**

- I. Guidance to FCC enforcement activities
- II. Informing public policy, esp. broadband rollout tax credit proposals and and the spectrum rights debate

### **BRINGING VALUABLE RESOURCES TO INNER-CITY BUSINESSES:**

- III. Forging national partnerships that can provide e-business advisory services to inner-city companies (e.g., Cisco Internet Business Solutions, Dell, IBM, etc.)
- IV. Helping shape service provider marketing strategy directed at inner city businesses

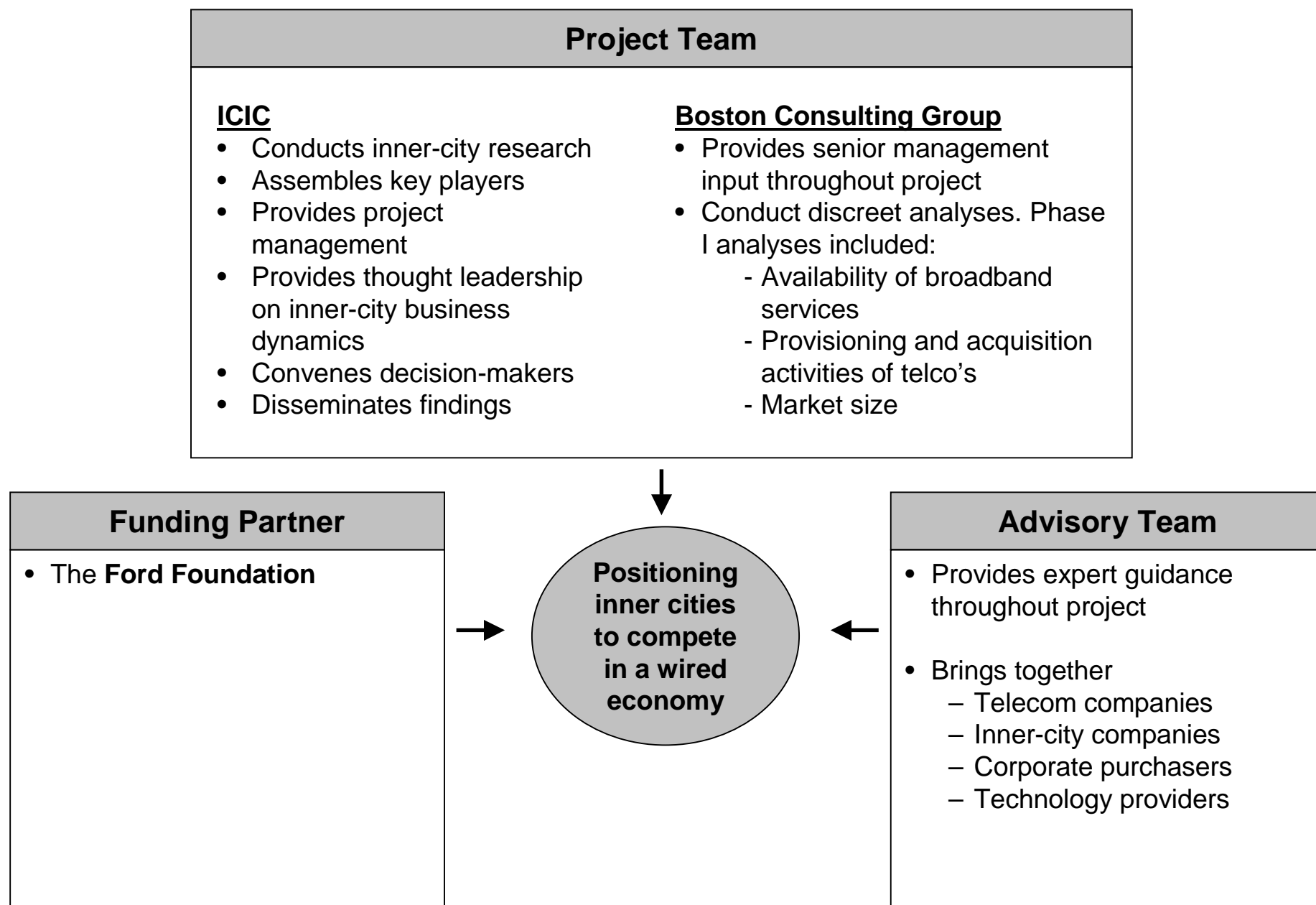
### **DESIGNING TOOLS FOR LOCAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY:**

- V. Developing and disseminating inner city e-business readiness assessment toolkit
- VI. Published report and media coverage



# Project Structure

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## INNER CITY ZIP CODES ARE AMONG MOST LIKELY TO BE BROADBAND ENABLED IN U.S.

Groups of zip codes	Percent with at least one broadband provider	Average number of providers per zip code for zip codes with at least one broadband provider
U.S. total	59	2.54
Largest 50 MSAs <sup>(1)</sup>	83	3.28
Largest 50 cities	88	3.69
Largest 50 inner cities	97	3.28
Largest 50 central business districts	98	4.50

(1) Based on population. MSAs with no inner city zip codes were excluded  
Source: FCC data

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## **FCC CHARTER FOR COLLECTING BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT DATA IS BASED ON THREE MAIN OBJECTIVES**

**Data Will Provide Reliable and Empirical Understanding of Deployment Status**

**Assess whether or not advanced telecommunications capabilities are being deployed to all Americans in a reasonable and timely fashion**

- **Understand availability of broadband services**
- **Encourage additional broadband deployment as appropriate**

**Gauge pace and extent of competition for advanced telecommunications services**

**Identify appropriate level of regulation for advanced telecommunications services**

- **Maintain ability to develop, evaluate, and revise policy in rapidly changing environment**
- **Implement pro-competitive, deregulatory provisions of Telecommunications Act of 1996**

**FCC interested in making data collection as easy  
as possible for broadband providers**

# **MUST UNDERSTAND BOTH ENABLEMENT & PENETRATION LEVELS TO ASSESS DEPLOYMENT STATUS FOR ALL AMERICANS**

## **Demographic Comparison Will Highlight Areas of Concern**

**Enablement simply measures availability (not usage) of broadband services**

- **Measured separately for each type of broadband service**
- **Certain types of services only applicable to certain types of customers**

**Penetration measures level of subscribership to broadband services among enabled customer base**

- **Provides understanding of how many people are actually using broadband services**
- **Serves as metric for provisionability of service in addition to success level of provider marketing efforts**

**Comparing enablement and penetration figures to the average in selected demographic segments will identify groups of Americans being overlooked**

**Enablement and penetration must be measured at the zip code level to allow for demographic comparisons**

**Benefits of competition only realized if broadband service providers are competing for the same customer base**

# INTERPRETING DATA ALONG DEMOGRAPHIC AND SERVICE TYPE DIMENSIONS SUGGEST REGULATORY NEEDS

			By each service type	
			By each demographic group	
Relative level of enablement	Relative level of penetration	Relative competition		Potential regulatory actions
High	High	High	→	Decrease regulatory activity
High	High	Low	→	Encourage competition
High	Low	High	→	Investigate biased provisioning
High	Low	Low	→	Encourage competition; investigate biased provisioning
Low	High	High	→	Encourage infrastructure deployment
Low	High	Low	→	Encourage infrastructure deployment and increased competition
Low	Low	High	→	Encourage infrastructure deployment; investigate biased provisioning
Low	Low	Low	→	Encourage infrastructure deployment and increased competition; investigate provisioning

# **DIGITAL DIVIDE MONITORING WILL FOCUS ON MOST SUSCEPTIBLE DEMOGRAPHIC GROUPS**

**XX Residential and XX Business Groups Have Been Identified**

## **Identified residential groups**

**Rural communities**

**Inner city residents**

**Minority groups**

**Low income households**

## **Identified business groups**

**Rural businesses**

**Inner city businesses**

**Minority-owned businesses**

**Small businesses**



## XX GROUPS IDENTIFIED WITH ENABLEMENT AND PENETRATION LEVELS SIGNIFICANTLY BELOW AVERAGE

	Group	Total Broadband	xDSL	Cable Modem	Fiber	Fixed Wireless	Satellite	Mobile Wireless
Business	Average	__/__	__/__		__/__	__/__	__/__	__/__
	Rural	__/__				__/__	__/__	__/__
	Inner city	__/__	__/__		__/__	__/__	__/__	__/__
	Minority owned	__/__	__/__					__/__
	Small business	__/__	__/__		__/__	__/__	__/__	__/__
Residential	Average	__/__	__/__	__/__		__/__	__/__	__/__
	Rural	__/__				__/__	__/__	__/__
	Inner city	__/__	__/__			__/__	__/__	__/__
	Minority	__/__	__/__	__/__		__/__	__/__	__/__
	Low income	__/__				__/__	__/__	__/__

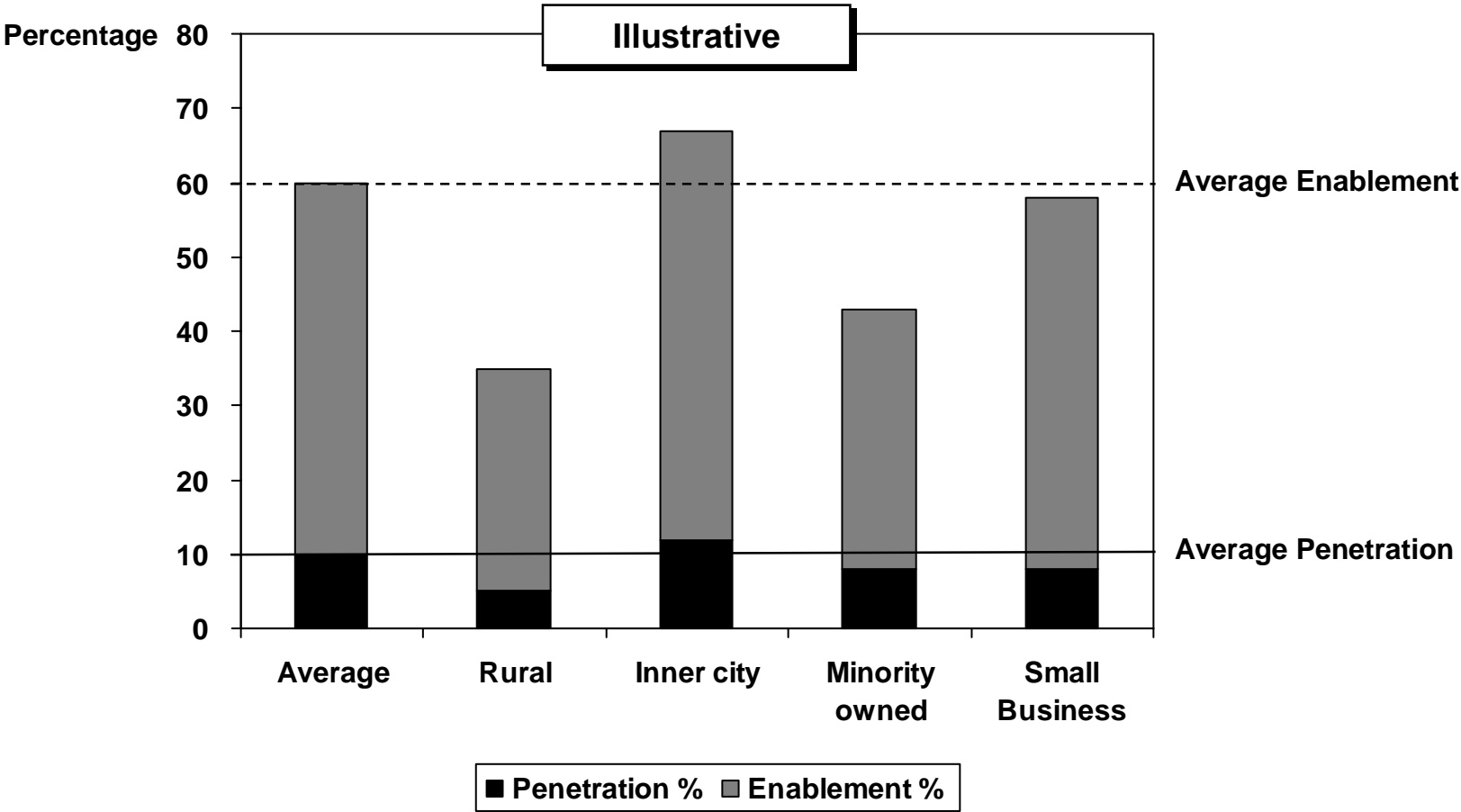
Enablement % / Penetration %

E&P > \_\_% points below average

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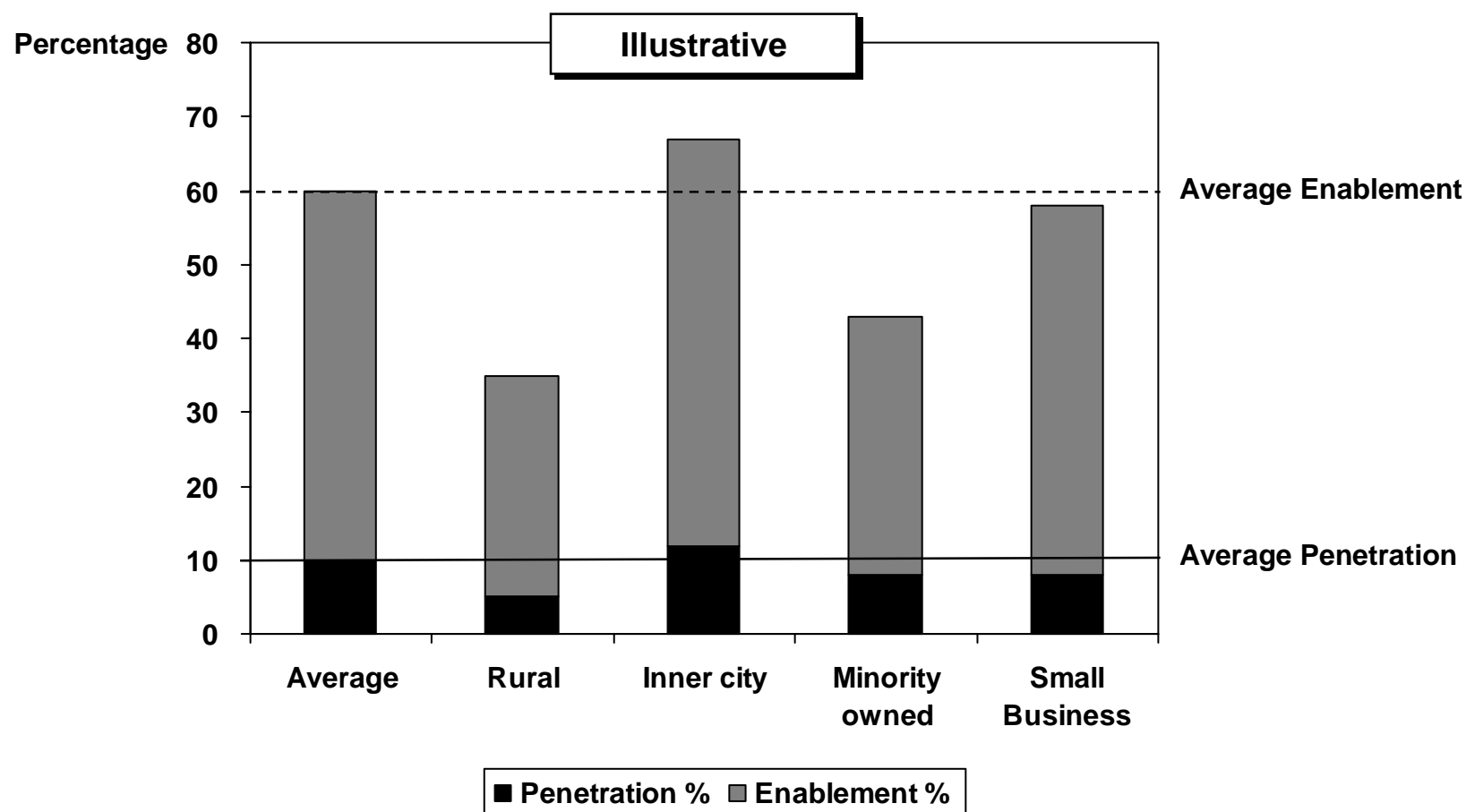
# DIGITAL DIVIDE SCORECARD (I)

## Total Broadband for Businesses



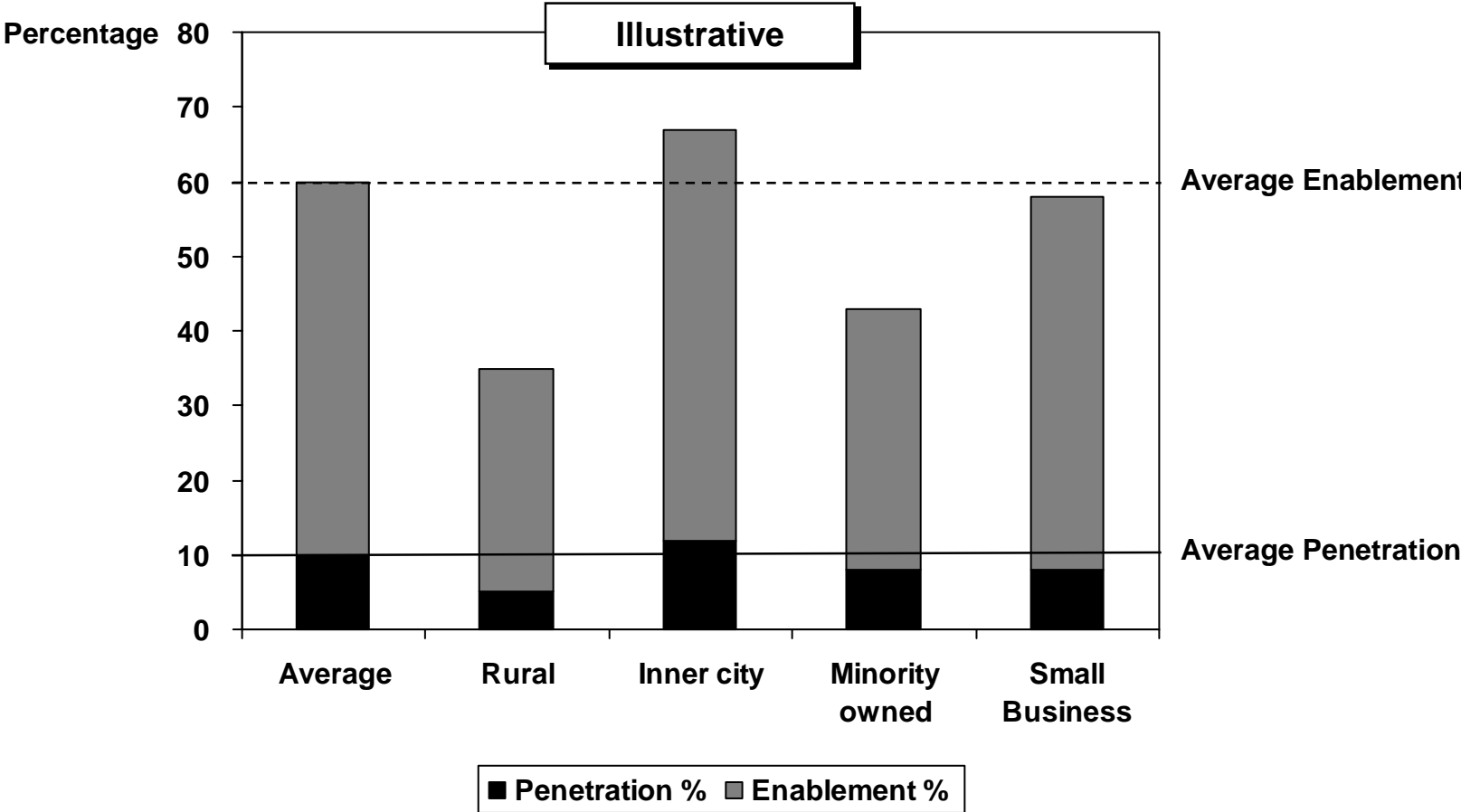
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## Total Broadband for Residential



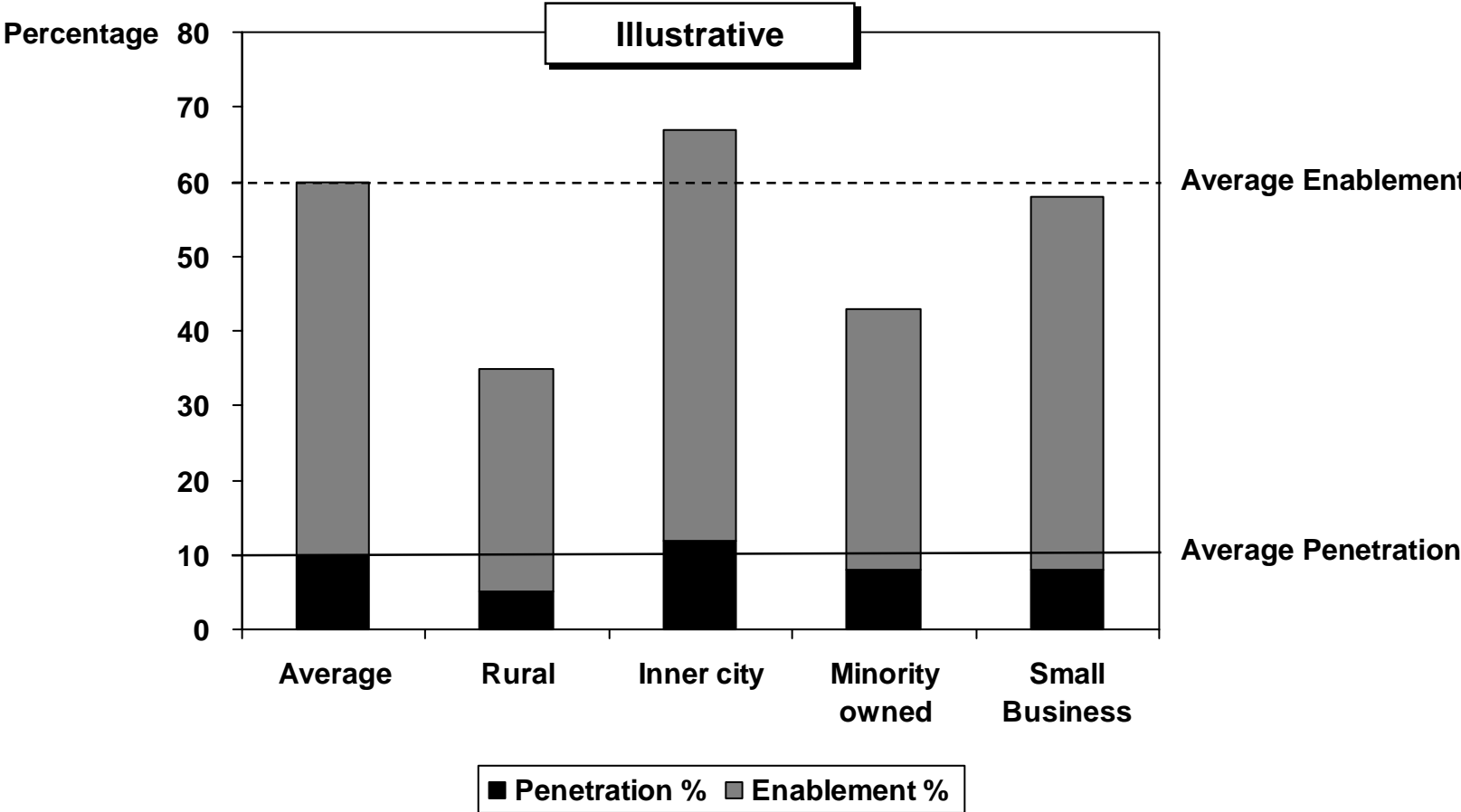
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## DSL for Businesses



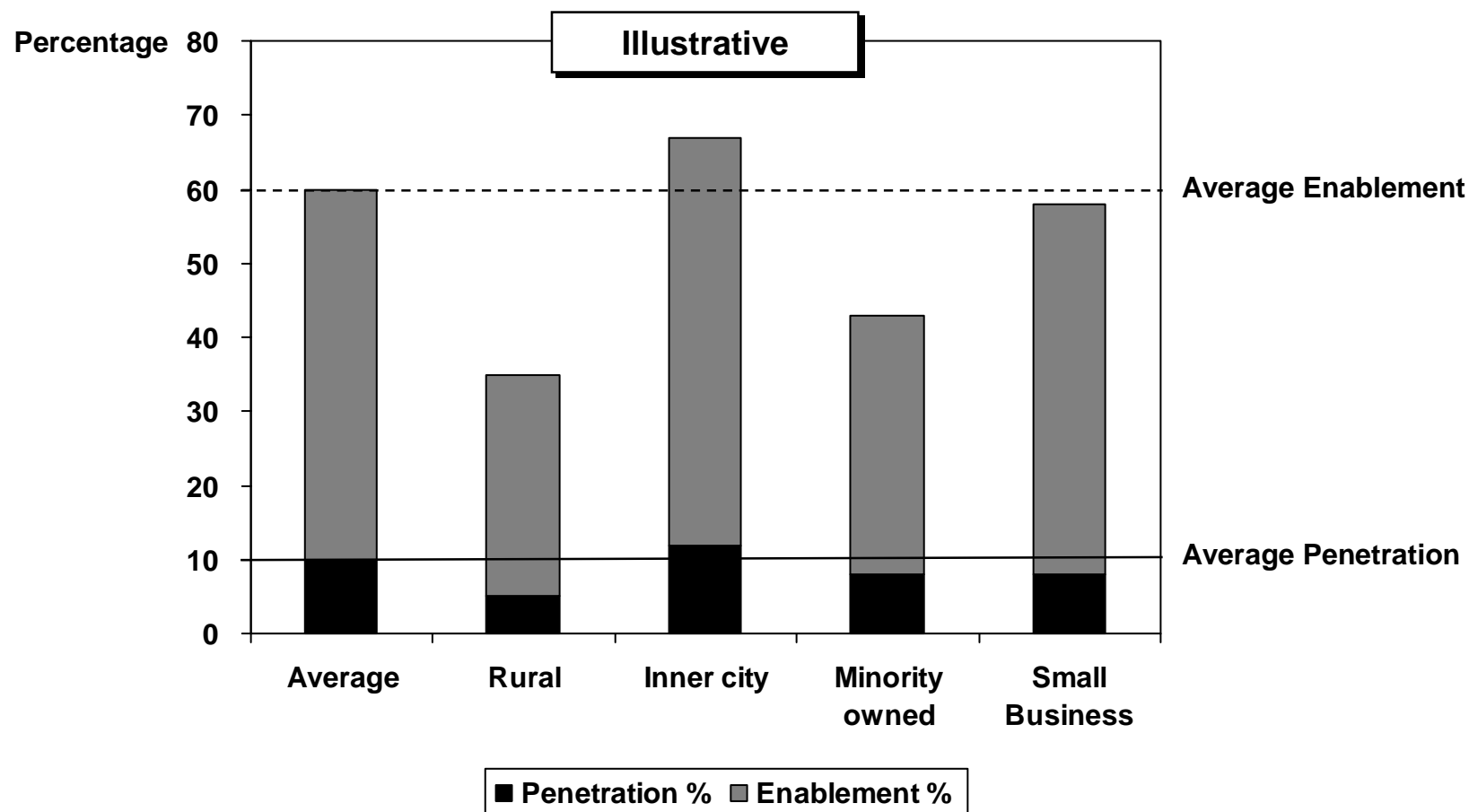
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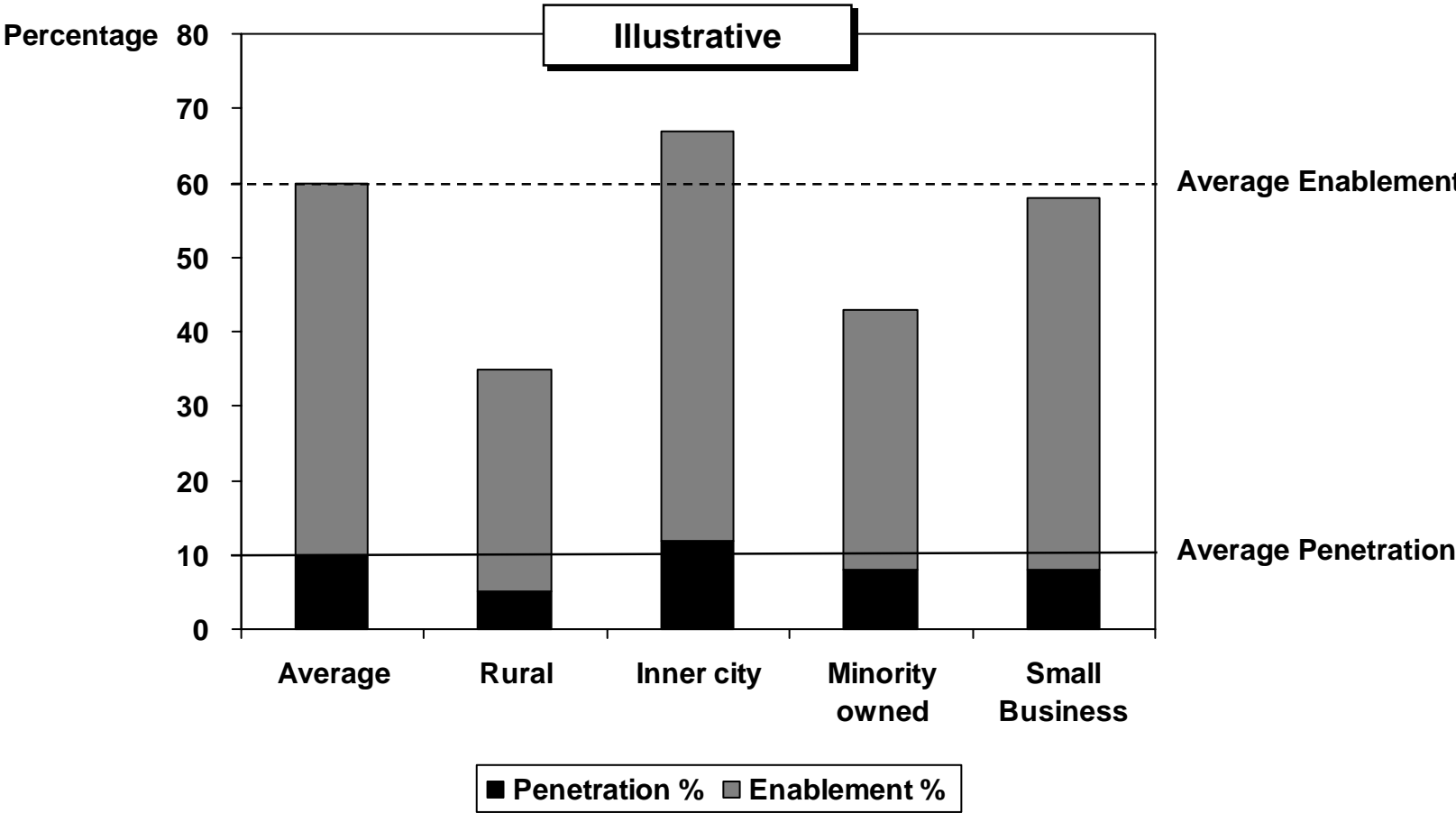
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### Cable Modem for Businesses



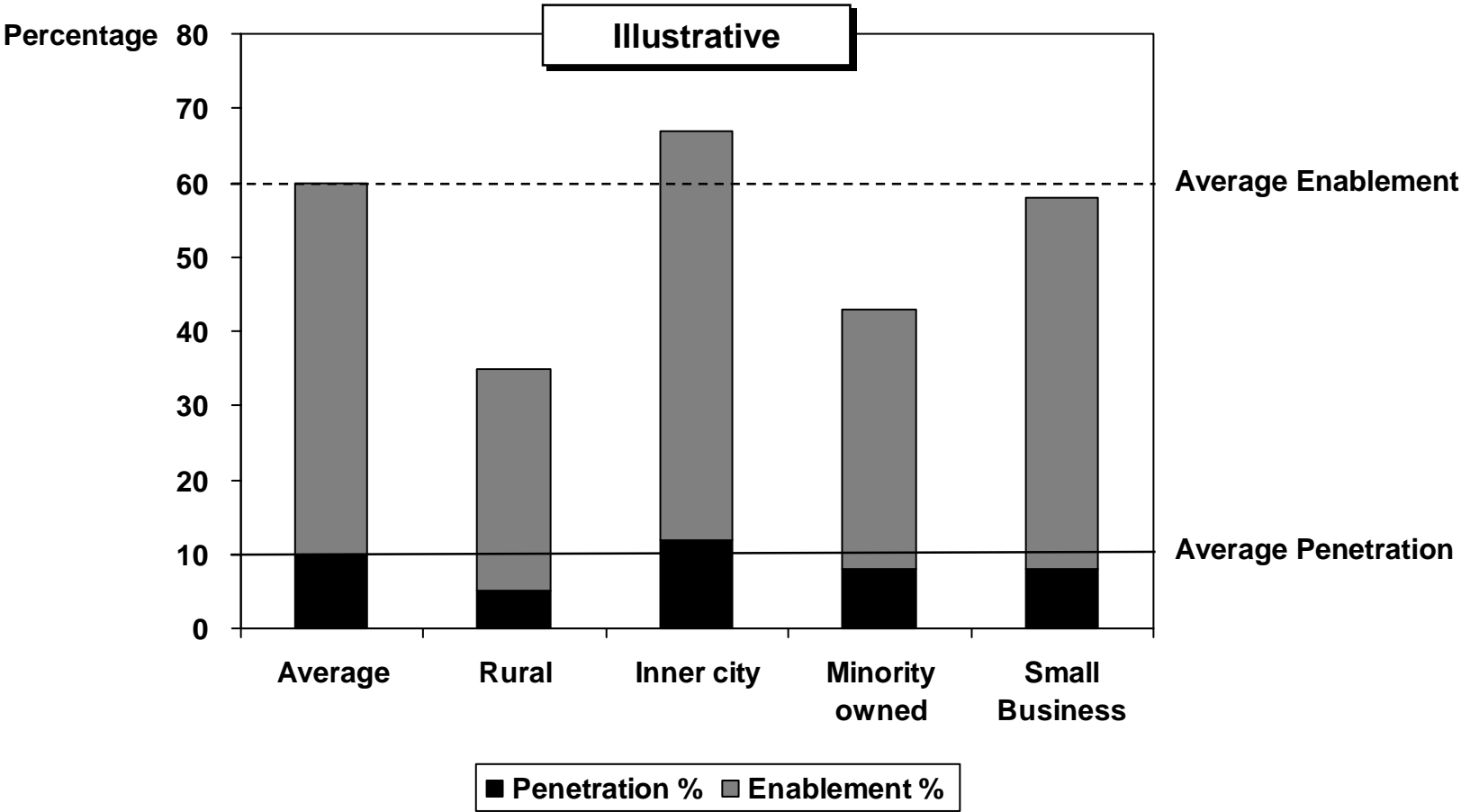
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## Cable Modem for Residential



# DIGITAL DIVIDE SCORECARD (VII)

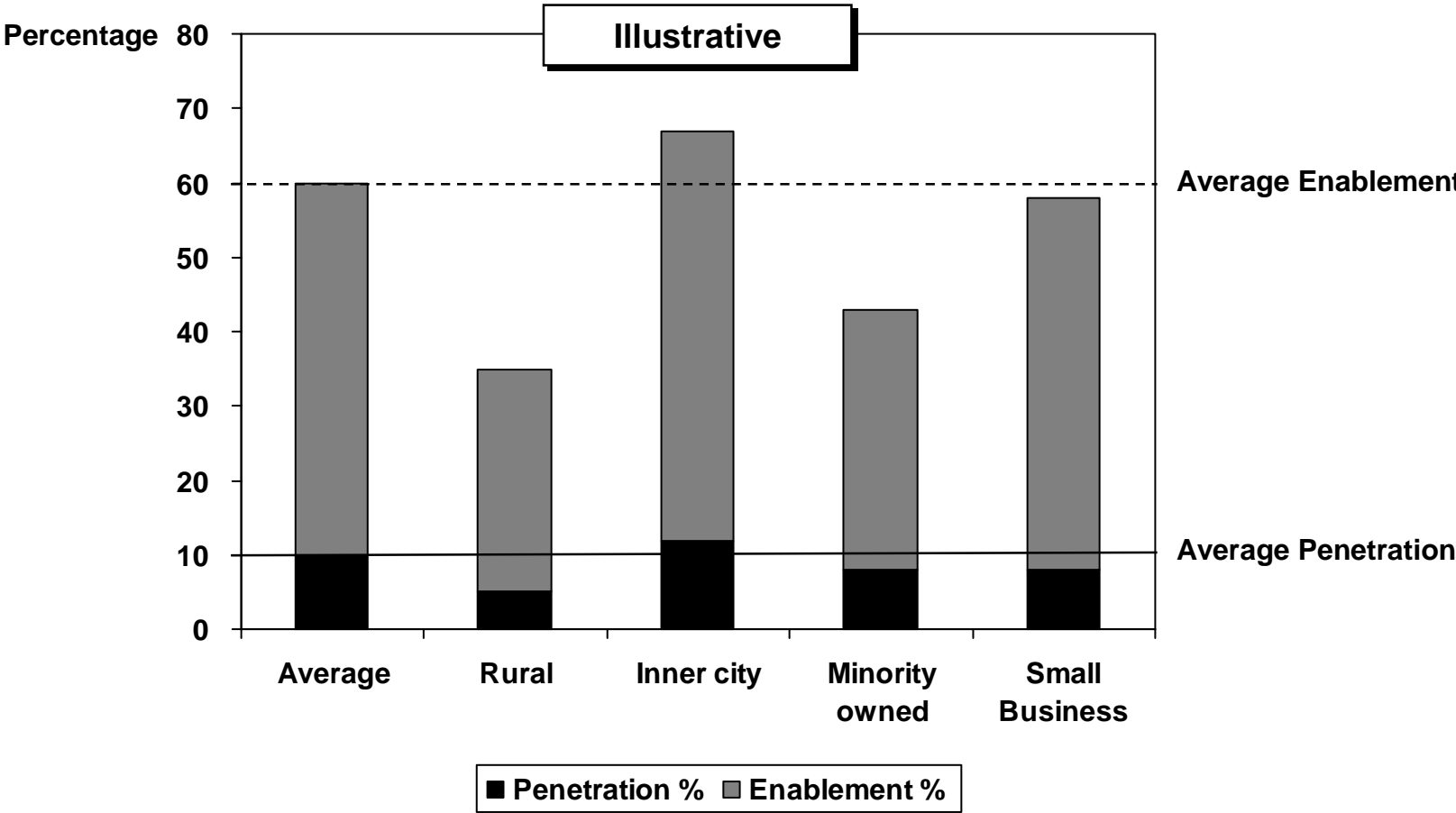
## Fiber for Businesses





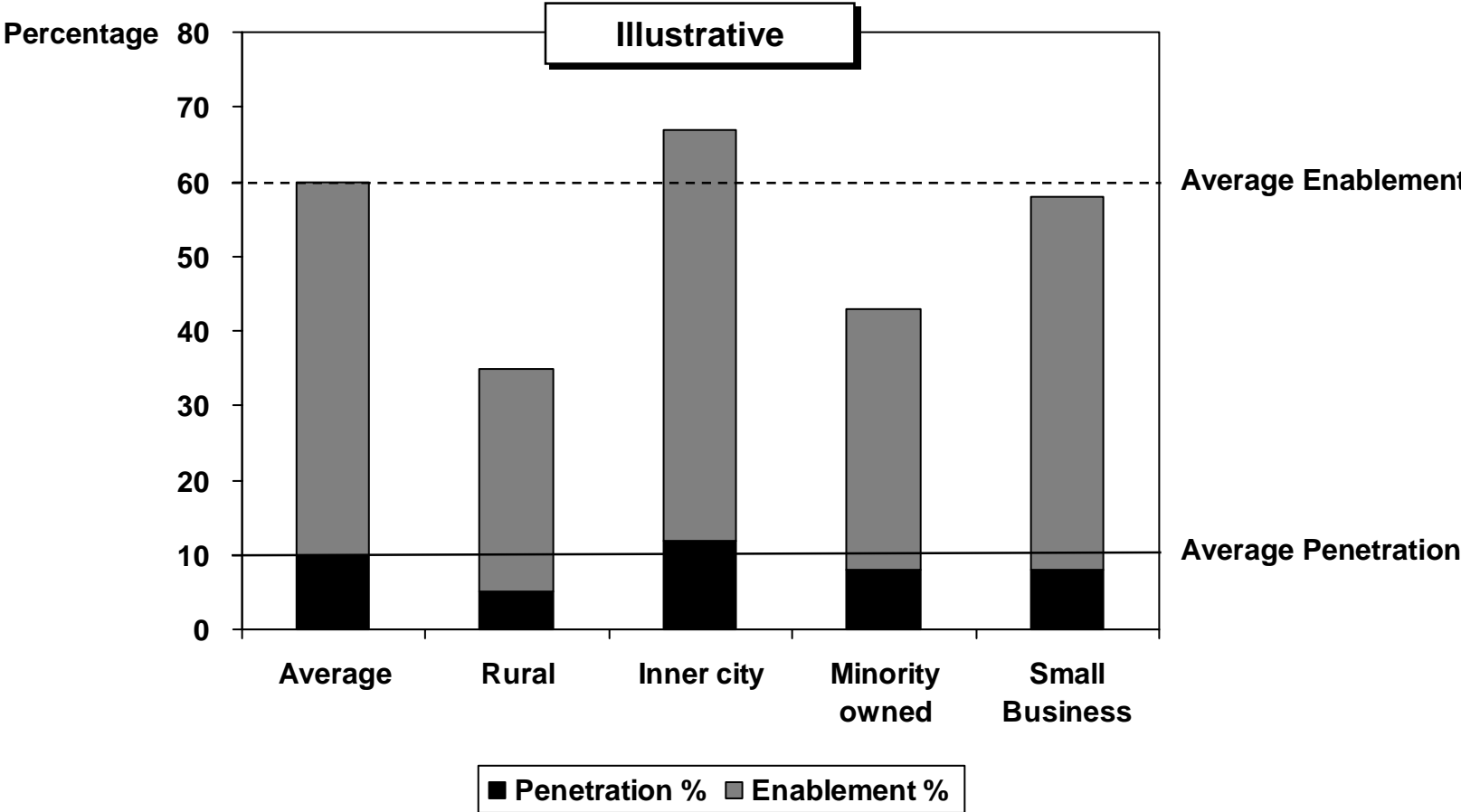
# DIGITAL DIVIDE SCORECARD (VIII)

## Fiber for Residential



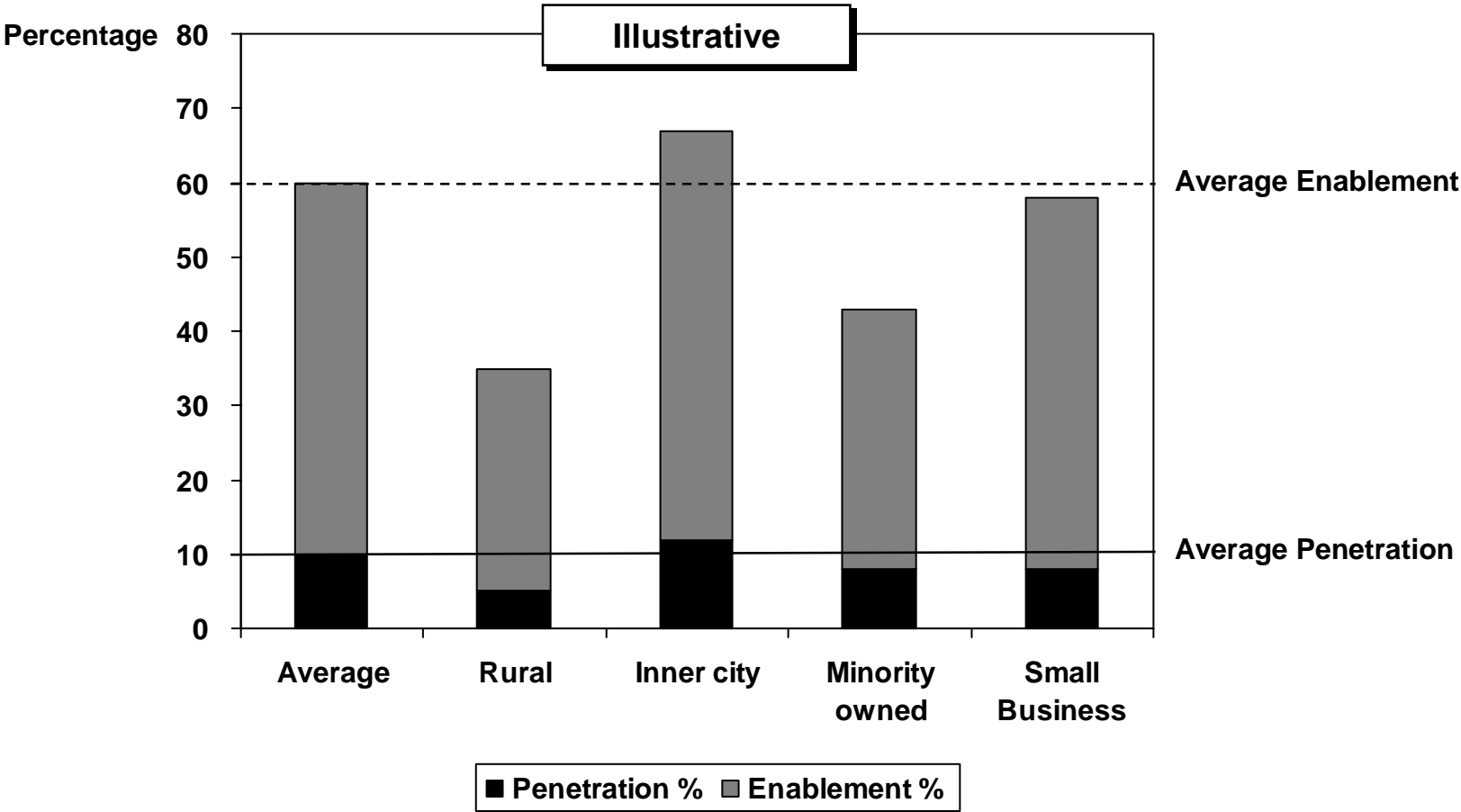
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## Fixed Wireless for Businesses



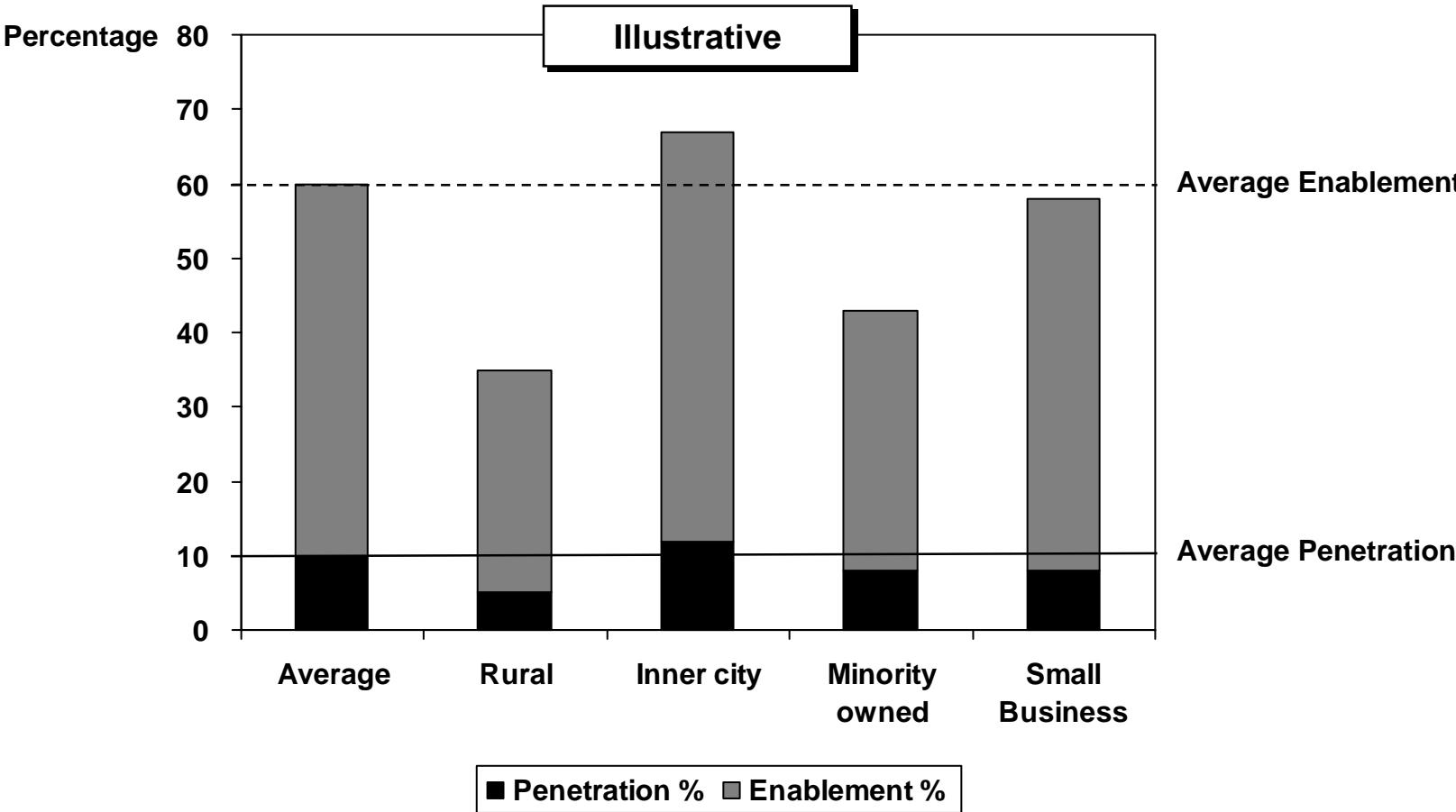
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## Fixed Wireless for Residential



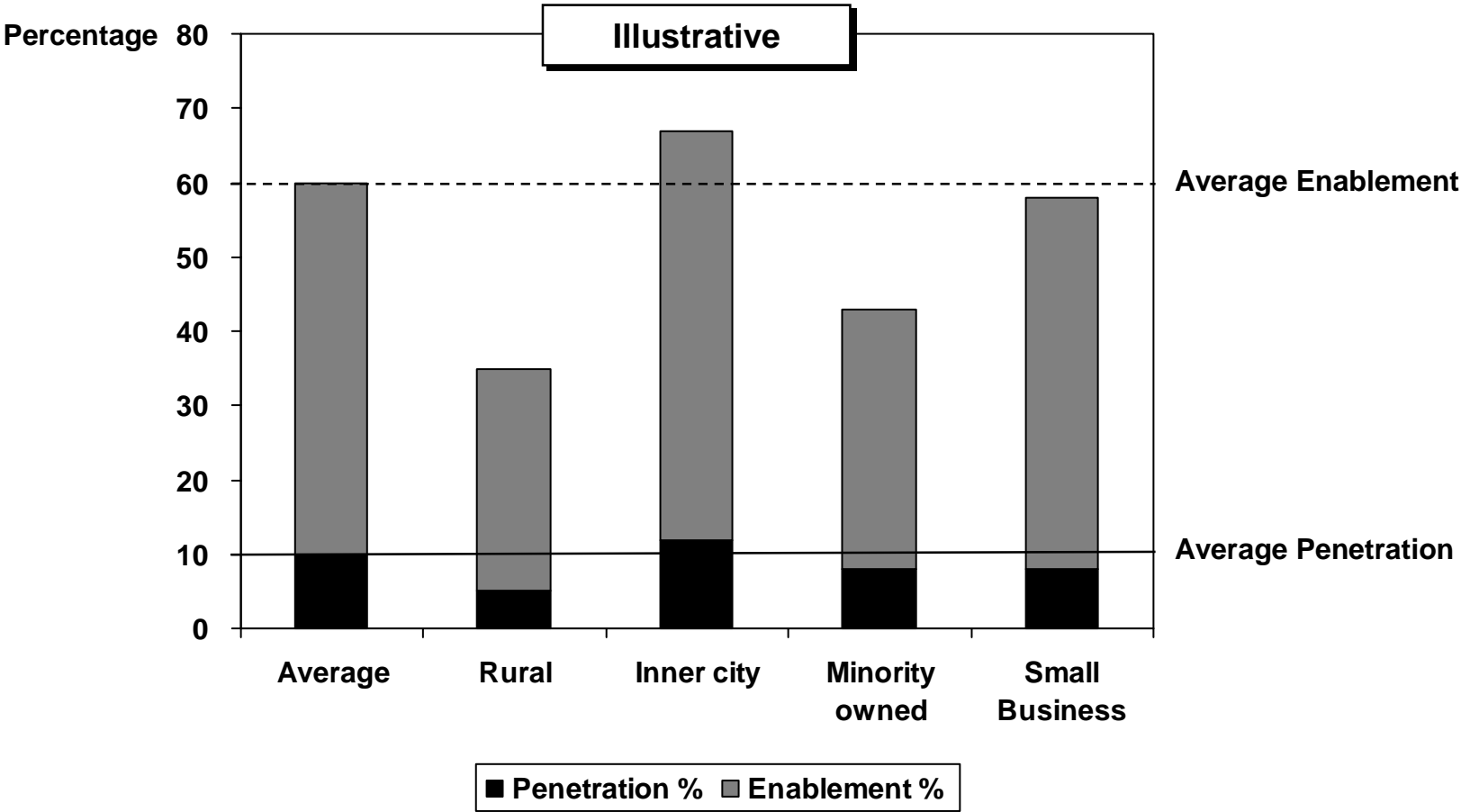
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## Satellite for Businesses



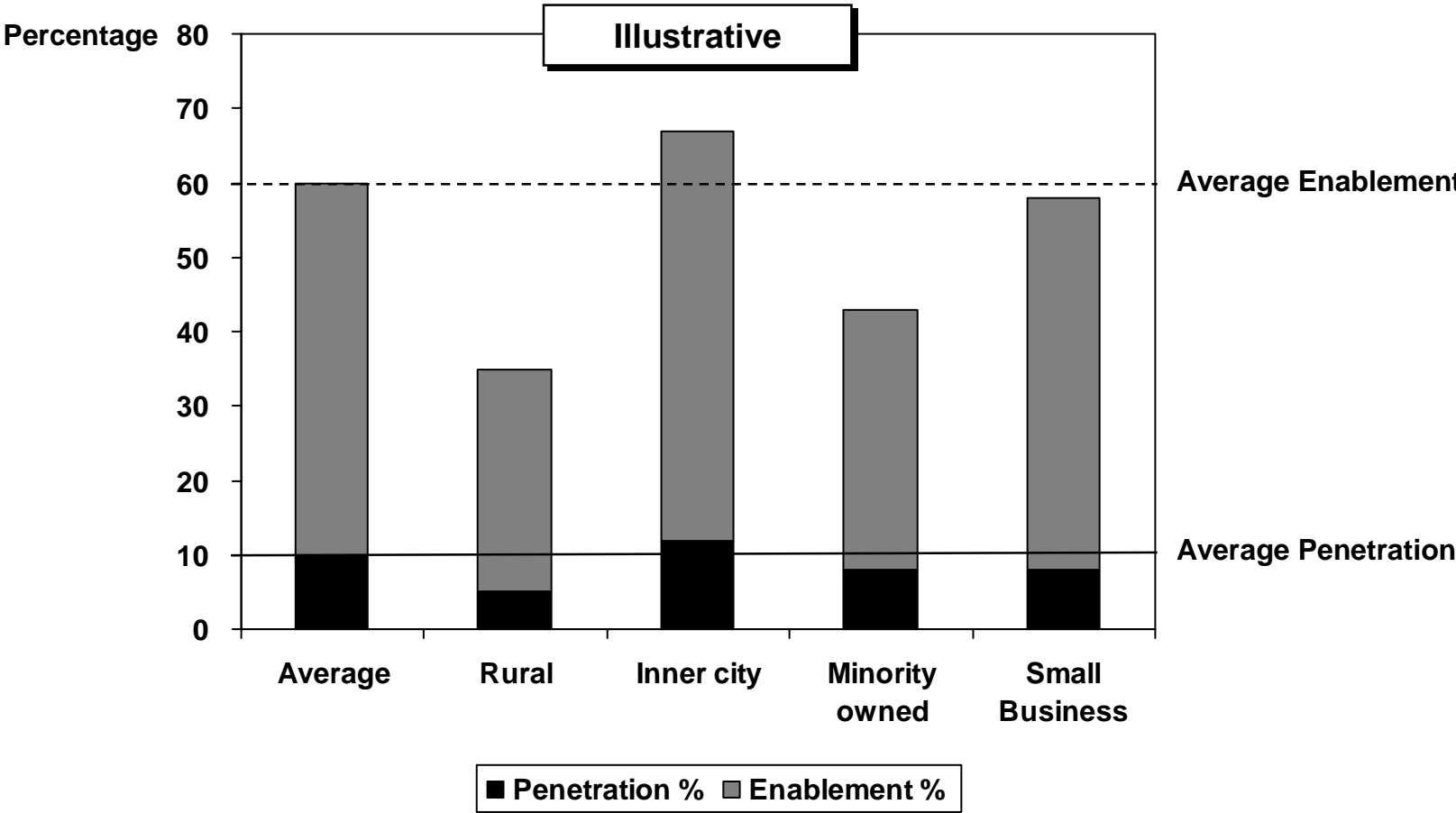
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## Satellite for Residential



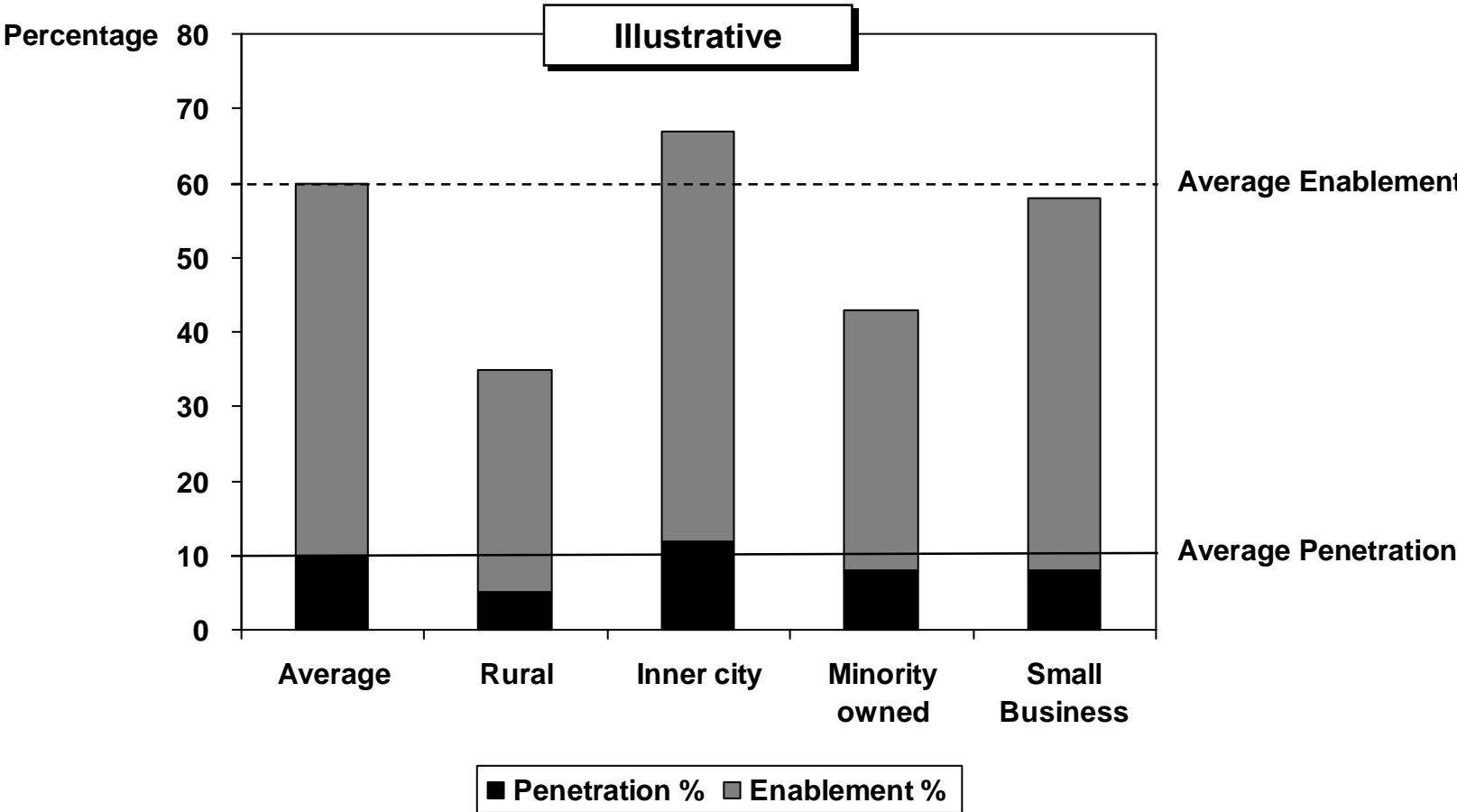
# DIGITAL DIVIDE SCORECARD (XIII)

## Mobile Wireless for Businesses



# DIGITAL DIVIDE SCORECARD (XIV)

## Mobile Wireless for Residential



## FCC SURVEY WOULD NEED TO BE MODIFIED TO PROVIDE DETAILED PENETRATION AND ENABLEMENT DATA

FCC Form 477 section V currently asks broadband providers to list all zip codes where they have at least one customer

- Indicates which zip codes are broadband enabled
- Fails to differentiate type of service
- Provides no penetration information within an enabled zip code

Revised survey would ask broadband providers for specific information about type and number of customers in each zip code with at least one customer

Zip codes with at least one broadband subscriber	Number of customers					
	DSL	Cable Modem	Fiber	Fixed Wireless	Satellite	Mobile Wireless
1	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
2						
3						
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Total						